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The February "Lit."

This month's Lit. is out, awaiting the judgment of its readers. The editor of LIFE finds many excellent features in this issue, worthy of favorable comment, and occasionally he finds something not to his taste.

The song, "Alone With Thee!" etc., by Coupe, '08, savors of Junior Prom. Sentiment and clear thought are entangled in mere words. The poetic figures are forced and unnatural.

"The Quest of the Black Water," by L. M. Scott, '07, has a fresh Canadian flavor. The style is smooth, the diction choice, and the material well arranged.

The article entitled "William Wilberforce," by Miller, '07, is well written and affords a desirable change from fiction to fact. The facts are well selected and forcibly stated in the small compass of the article.

Richardson's Sonnet baffles the critic. Taken as a whole it is a confused mass of words which convey no complete idea. When dissected, it is possible to separate some good bits of poetry, but taken as a conglomerate whole it is difficult to divine the poet's meaning.

"Her Homecoming" is a clever bit of work by Purdy, '06. The reader is given just enough description or setting to understand the dialog. The plot is simple, but pleasing and human. The whole effect is clean cut, brief to a nicety, and yet full enough for complete comprehension.

"Faithful," signed A. M. D., is good. If any criticism be made, it is because of too much description of landscape, which retards the progress.

"Mr. Pender's Picnic," by Peck, is a good Sunday School story. The dialect is good and the plot fair. The diction and phrasing are good, but the story is juvenile.

"The Captives," one of Trippe's Indian tales, is very good. The interest of the reader is sustained to the end. The description is graphic, and the action

vigorous and bold. This article is one the best of the issue.

The editorial on a particular phase of honesty is pointed and well-taken. The fault mentioned is prevalent in college. The editorial on Debating has a good idea in it, namely that we might have more intercollegiate debating than we have at present.

With these few comments LIFE welcomes the February Lit.

Case of Appendicitis.

Lewis, '07, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Homeopathic Hospital in Utica last Thursday morning. The operation, performed by Dr. Grant, was highly successful, and Lewis expects to be out of the hospital in a week or two. He had suffered from two attacks heretofore, and upon the third one of last Sunday submitted to an operation. Unless unforeseen complications arise, the patient will speedily recover.

Basket-Ball.

The basket-ball season is fast drawing to a close, as the game with Alleghany College on March 6th finishes the schedule. The season has been a most successful one and we have every reason to feel proud of the team. Next year we will have the same men with the possibility of additions from the class of 1909. This certainly is a cheering prospect. The complete schedule of games that have been and are still to be played is as follows:

Jan. 18—Hamilton 41, Hobart 12.
23—Hamilton 10, Colgate 66.
Feb. 4—Hamilton 31, Potsdam 21.
" 6—Hamilton 19, Syracuse 16.
" 13—Hamilton 26, Colgate 24.
" 24—R. P. I. at Clinton.
" 27—Syracuse at Syracuse.
" 28—Rochester at Rochester.
Mar. 3—St. Lawrence at Clinton.
" 6—Alleghany at Clinton.

Delta Kappa Epsilon Reception.

The Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity entertained Friday evening. The patronesses were Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Hayes, of Clinton, and Mrs. Atherton, of Utica. At their house party they have entertained during the past week: The Misses Packard, McCabe, Ferris, Muddock, and Wills, of Auburn, and Miss Harwood, of Brooklyn. The chaperones were Mrs. Watrous, of Clinton, and Mrs. Drummond, of Auburn.

Musical Clubs' Trip.

Next Thursday the Musical Clubs will give a concert in the Presbyterian Church at Oneida and the following night at Geneva. This trip is what the men in the clubs have been preparing for all term. It was originally planned to visit Elmira, but that date fell through. A date had also been scheduled for Rome on March 1st, but that also was cancelled and the clubs will have to content themselves with Oneida and Geneva.

The Sigma Phi Reception.

The Beta of Sigma Phi entertained at their Hall on the campus last Friday evening. The patronesses were Mrs. Sherman, of Utica, Mrs. Nichols and Miss Moore, of Clinton; Mrs. Lyons, of Bath. Rath, of Utica, furnished the music, and Chester served. Cookinham, '06, Peet, '03, Malcom Rix and Hastings Smyth, of Utica, and Hawley Truax, of New York, were present. The guests of the fraternity during the week were the Misses Boothe and Hawley, of Bradford, Pa.; the Misses Cooper, Whittemore, Burdick, Beardsley, Baker, the Misses Crouse, Comstock, and Osterhout, of Utica; Truax, of New York, Miss Watson, of Taunton, Mass.; Miss Bruce and Koern, of Smith College, and Miss Lower, of Bath.

The Singing School.

The Monday night singing school has disorganized. The management has given out notice of the discontinuance of Prof. Hughes' lectures, under the present arrangement. This is one of the few ventures that Dr. Stryker couldn't make go. The competition of basket-ball proved too keen and the singing school succumbed. The night of the Syracuse game, Coupe, '08, was about the only songster present when Prof. Hughes arrived. The latter decided to adjourn to the gymnasium. There he joined Prof. Brandt, and from their window seat cheered lustily for Hamilton's winning team.

Of course all this wasn't helping the President's school for vocal culture. It was only the third interruption, for two previous sessions were forced to be omitted owing to injuries to ankle and throat which Prof. Hughes had sustained. And finally the last blow that staggered the sickly singing school idea was the Colgate basket-ball game. Prof. Hughes was doubtless notified that it was useless to come out from Utica that night to hold a session, and hence he did not appear. Later in the week Dr. Stryker gave out official notice that the services of Prof. Hughes would be dispensed with and the course of lectures in music would be thrown out of the curriculum.

It is unfortunate that this course in vocal culture should have met such a fate. The obstacles in the path of its success were large, yet if the venture could have been fairly launched it would undoubtedly have received hearty support and been carried to a successful end.

The American Rhodes Scholars

The Educational Review for February has an article on the "American Rhodes Scholars at Oxford."

It tells how the young Americans have already made their marks and good names for themselves. Also it describes the method of living of the English students and states that the Rhodes scholars are enjoying every minute of their time there.

What is most distasteful to the majority of the American students is the traditional discipline of the colleges. The average age of the contingent is twenty-two. They are, with few exceptions, tall, broad-shouldered men; and

while they are entering Oxford at a time of life when Seniors are receiving their diplomas at Harvard, Yale, Princeton, etc., they are treated there as inexperienced boys, work with tutors at their elbows, are subjected to watchful surveillance, and are fined and disciplined if they are outside the gates after hours. Some of them have been valedictorians at American colleges, like the energetic Mr. Nixon, who is now in Balliol after a successful career at Wesleyan; some of them have been teachers, like Mr. Verner, of South Carolina, who is at Christ's Church, and at least one, Mr. Scholz, has been a college lecturer and is fitting himself at Worcester for an important chair in the University of Wisconsin.

For thoughtful, mature men of this order the restraining influence of parental government must be irksome. But they are quick to catch the humor of the thing and to describe the colleges as kindergartens for adults, or as academic nurseries with awkward tutors and ugly proctors in place of governesses and nursemaids. But they are not there to act as critics, nor do they. They have come with their trained faculties and their instinctive buoyancy of mind from the land of hope and they are completing and digesting their stock of knowledge in a leisurely way and in a comprehensive spirit; and in the end they may be what Mr. Rhodes intended they should be—broadminded citizens of the world, profiting by what is practical and helpful in each system of education and becoming attuned to the higher harmonies of Anglo-Saxon civilization.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Dr. Root will address the Y. M. C. A. meeting on Sunday afternoon at four o'clock. So rarely do the students have the privilege of hearing him that this opportunity will be appreciated by the college.

On March 5, Morris W. Ehnes, of New York City, will address both in the chapel and at the Association meeting in the afternoon.

March 12, the regular communion service will be held.

March 19, Prof. Meade, principal of the Utica Academy, will speak on Teaching as a Life Work.

March 26, it is expected that Dr. Terry, of Utica, will make the address on Medicine.

The list of new members of the College Y. M. C. A. has been posted on the Association bulletin.

A list of all members of the Y. M. C. A. will be posted about the first of March, a few days before the annual election of officers.

A set of stereoscope views has been placed in the reception room of Silliman Hall. This set contains a hundred views of Palestine, which are famous for their historic interest. The views and accompanying stereoscope were presented to the Y. M. C. A. by White & Co., the manufacturers.

A report of the Joint Bible Study Institute held here at Hamilton, January 14th and 15th, has recently been printed. Copies may be obtained from G. M. Day, '05, at Silliman Hall. This report contains extracts of all the addresses of the institute.

Help Amherst.

At the Amherst alumni dinner held the first part of the week in New York, the president of that college spoke of several things that they needed at Amherst. Among other things, he said that the students would like to receive any dress clothes that people might be willing to part with. There were many students, he said, who desired to attend receptions, but could not afford to buy the clothes. That his request was well noted is very evident, from the following letters that appeared two days later in the New York Sun.

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Brooklyn, Feb. 22.

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WARNING!

On Monday evening four college students returning from Utica were inspired to do what they doubtless considered a "warm stunt," and it may prove to be quite warm before they are through with it. After getting off the car and making a stop or two in the village these four jokers proceeded up College street until they came to the electric light in front of Dempsey's. Then they stopped and after due deliberation, broke the lock that fastens the arc light up and let the light fall to the ground. Not satisfied with this they repeated the operation on a light further up the street. Although the perpetrators of this huge joke probably thought that it was most laughable, the townspeople seem to take

a somewhat different view. At a meeting of the Electric Light Board held Wednesday night it was decided that such a thing was not to be tolerated and warrants were made out for the arrest of the offenders. This is, by the way, a state's prison offence and if the culprits are caught, it may go hard with them. This ought to serve as a warning in the future to any would-be joker. The electric lights are not meant to play with. It would seem as though a college man would have more common sense than to indulge in a trick of this sort, but the boyhood tricks will break out once in a while.

FRESHMAN BASKET-BALL.

Last Tuesday evening a few unwise persons assembled in the "Gym." to see a game of basket-ball between the teams representing the Clinton High School and the Freshman class. The posters which had been placed at various points on the campus announced that the game would be called at 7:30, but up to nine o'clock only four Freshmen had appeared. When the game was once started there was not much to reflect credit on the Freshmen. The idea of scheduling a game and not having a team available is absurd. The captain and manager should have been far-sighted enough to see that there might be some difficulty in getting their men out and laid their plans accordingly. Tuesday night is the night of all nights when a game should not be scheduled. It is safe to say that hereafter when the Freshmen arrange for a game they will be obliged to use strong arguments in order to persuade anybody to attend.

IT HAS been suggested by various persons at different times, that it would be a most fitting act on the part of students, to refrain from smoking in the "Gym." during the progress of basket-ball games. There are two reasons for this. In the first place it often happens that there are ladies present at these games, and it should not be asking too much to expect the men to refrain from smoking during the few moments of the game. It is a mere matter of common courtesy. In the second place, when a large company of men get together in a small place like the "Gym." and smoke, it does not take long to fill the room with smoke. This is apt to be hard on the players. It is not very pleasant, either, for a player to have somebody blow a cloud of smoke into his lungs as he

goes rushing down the floor. It is in fact decidedly unpleasant. Why not, then, inaugurate the custom of not smoking in the "Gym?" It ought not to be a very serious strain.

JUST as after enjoying many another intellectual treat, so after hearing Dr. Parkes Cadman, of Brooklyn, the one regret was that there were not twice, yes, three times as many present to hear his address. There are some things a student can ill afford to miss in his college course. Dr. Cadman's address was one of those things.

We were not worried with any stereotyped eulogy of George Washington, nor fatigued with a rehearsal of the household story of his life. Instead we heard a quondam Englishman's estimate of our national hero; a comparison of Washington with Jefferson, Hamilton and Lincoln; and a masterful exposition of the great principles of human rights for which Washington and his colleagues stood. It was flattering to hear the speaker mention the high esteem with which the common people of Britain regard Washington.

Although not a sound of approval was given by the audience during the address, yet at the close a profuse round of applause burst from the responsive listeners and, after Dr. Stryker's remarks of gratitude, there followed a good, sturdy yell for Dr. Cadman. The effects of the address were stimulating. The audience felt the tonic of the orator's inspiration, and felt a renewed respect for Washington, after being stirred by such silver-tongued eloquence.

Track Prospects.

The plans for the coming track season are now fairly well formulated and seem promising. Some difficulty has been experienced in filling dates satisfactorily, but at present the schedule bids fair to be a good one, from the point of opportunity at least. On May 9th comes the annual inter-class spring meet; on May 12th, Inter-Academic Day with its accompanying Interscholastic Field Meet; on May 20th we meet Syracuse and Colgate in a three-cornered contest at Syracuse, and on Decoration Day the State Intercollegiate is to be held in Rochester under the auspices of Rochester University.

Owing to present conditions in the Intercollegiate Union it has seemed wise to substitute the triangular meet

for the usual dual meet with Colgate. The management is endeavoring to obtain a meet on Steuben Field for Wednesday, May 24th, something of a lighter nature than the other meets. Of course we will be the outsider in the Syracuse meet, but there is no reason to believe that we will be completely out-classed, and it certainly offers a grand chance for the team and the men individually. This year the two trips offered will at least, we hope, inspire the men to work, and with work should come a reasonable measure of success.

For some years our Interscholastic has been the best in this part of the country from a comprehensive point of view. The novelty has now worn off and we begin to see the true business side of the proposition, and with this in mind it behooves every man in college to assist the management in making this event profitable to prep. men and to Hamilton. With mutual co-operation the season will be successful.

The E. L. S. Guests.

The following ladies were the guests of the gentlemen of the Emerson Literary Society during "Prom." week: Mrs. J. E. Barnes, Misses Beakes and Bull, of Middletown, N. Y.; Miss Thompson, of Thompson Ridge; Miss Ganung, Elmira; Miss Cullen, Utica; Miss MacVean, Syracuse; Miss Brownell, Sauquoit; Miss Ballou, Syracuse; Miss Potter, Albany; Miss Nelson, Whitesboro.

On Friday evening the ladies were entertained by an informal dance given at the Hall of the society.

Some Statistics.

Of the 331 in the Yale Freshman class this year, the records of the physical examiner show that 141 smoke, 134 have never had any gymnasium training, 102 wear glasses, 46 cannot swim, and 196 have done athletic work. The average age is 18 years, the average height 5 feet 8 inches, and the average weight 136 pounds. Of the 196 who have taken part in athletics, 101 were in football, 81 in baseball, 74 in track work, and 46 played basket-ball.

The New York Debate.

Last night our debating team, consisting of H. A. Speh, C. B. Sullivan, F. C. Beach, with R. U. Sherman as alternate, all of the Senior Class, met the team representing the College of the City of New York. A full account will appear in next week's issue of LIFE.

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College Notes.

—Gilbert, '07, who has been ill at his home in Frankfort, is back again.

—Prof. Ibbotson to the Sophomores—"You have been fresh and green."

—Mann and Ferris are at Boston attending the Chi Psi Fraternity convention.

—Norman Hackett, of the Sothern-Marlowe Company, visited friends in College Sunday.

—Dr. Stryker has taken pity on the overworked singers in the choir and has discontinued the Friday night practices.

—Word comes up from New York that Holmes, '08, is recovering slowly from his sprained knee. He is expected back soon.

—The Theta Delta Chi fraternity enjoyed a theatre party Monday night at the Majestic. "Romeo and Juliet" was the attraction.

—Thursday evening the Darwin Club met at Prof. Morrill's. The two old stand-bys were present and two wisdom-seeking guests.

—Lewis, '07, is slowly recovering from an operation for appendicitis, which was performed in the Faxton Hospital, of Utica, last week.

—Hamilton was scheduled to play Hobart at Geneva on Tuesday of this week. The game was cancelled by Hobart for some unknown reason.

—By the looks of the campus walks some days this week one would think that the gladsome spring with its ungladsome mud had come.

—MacIntyre, '05, and Benedict, '06, have been in Chicago during the past week as delegates to the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity convention.

—Halliday, ex-'06, was on the Hill Tuesday and Wednesday. He is now in the Cornell Law School, and very prominent in undergraduate activities at Ithaca.

—The members of the Senior class continue to have their mail flooded with letters from the Teachers Agencies, volunteering their assistance in getting them started in the world.

—The holiday of this week was spent in many different and appropriate ways by the fellows. Those who remained on the Hill and heard the address of Dr. Cadman were the wisest.

—The only trouble the Freshmen have with their nice new 'Jografys' of the Holy Land is, that the words are not all of one syllable. The long names are also causing considerable trouble.

—The phonograph lately introduced in the different gymnasium classes by "Uncle John," is proving quite a success. The fellows say that with a few more innovations the drill would be almost endurable.

—The Glee Club is singularly unfortunate in that a number are unable to go on the trip next week. Some have delinquencies, while others have been out of College by reason of illness and therefore the faculty will not excuse them.

—Stuart B. Blakely, '03, and George Edmund Miller, '03, were among those present at the Nu Sigma Nu medical fraternity banquet, held at the Hotel Astor on the 21st. George E. Miller responded to the toast for the P. & S. Chapter.

—Several of the fellows spent what was left over from the "Prom." for seats at the Majestic Wednesday. May Irwin in "Mrs. Black is Back" was the attraction. From all reports the rather coarse corpulency of the festive 'May' failed to amuse.

—A peculiar dark blue haze has been noticeable hovering over the Hill since the girls left. Fully half the class at most recitations have managed to keep awake. Mme. Kelly however reports the smallest sales for a week on record. Surely the "Prom." has come and gone.

—A western firm that is interested in writing orations for college students has recently sent cards to their "old friends and patrons" at Hamilton, an-

nouncing that they are still in the business. They seem to realize the fact that some of the Seniors have graduation orations to write and evidently desire to get in the first application.

—The Clinton High School repeated their victory in Clinton over the Freshmen basket-ball team Tuesday evening in the Soper Gymnasium. The score was 42 to 22. Moore playing the center position on Clinton was again the especial star of the game. The Freshmen have improved slightly in passing but seem to forget entirely that they each have a man to guard. The schedule between Hamilton 1908 and Colgate 1908 for Wednesday evening was called off.

—"Waste not, want not" is a happy maxim and has been the motto for many prudent men. It would seem as though the class of 1906 had suddenly adopted this as their motto. They did not desire to waste the bunting that the class of 1905 used at the "Prom." last year, and so saved a few dollars by making it serve for this year's "Prom." The committee did not like to spend their time by personally supervising the collection of tickets, with the result that they are not quite sure how many couple attended. It would have taken too much time to look over the list of patronesses and correct any mistakes and behold the result. Now they are wondering if they will come out in the hole or not. Isn't it queer?

"Life" Picture.

The members of the staff of LIFE will make their annual pilgrimage to Utica this afternoon and have their pictures taken. The Hamiltonian Board is anxiously waiting for the different college organizations that have not had their pictures taken yet to complete this pleasant little task as soon as possible. The longer the men delay, just so much longer will the Hamiltonian be delayed, at least this is what the Board says. It is quite evident that our annual will be late in its appearance this year, but we ought to do our share to help the editors rush it as much as possible.

Dr. S. Parkes Cadman.

On Wednesday, Washington's birthday, the College listened to Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, of the Central Congregational church of Brooklyn. One of the pleasing features of Dr. Cadman's address

was the fact that he is by birth an Englishman and a graduate of London College. Thus he spoke on George Washington from the view point of an Englishman. The address was by no means the stereotypic delineation of Washington's life and deeds. As Dr. Cadman remarked, we are acquainted with those facts. But he depicted in a clean and exceedingly attractive manner, the influence at home and abroad of "The father of his country." Those who heard Dr. Cadman were delighted and should he ever again visit Hamilton he may be assured that he will receive a royal welcome.

Calendar for the Week.

Saturday—4:00 p. m., LIFE picture to be taken by Lewis; 4:00 p. m., D. T. picture at Frey's.

Sunday—4:00 p. m., Student meeting in Silliman Hall.

Monday—8:00 p. m., Basket-ball game: Syracuse vs. Hamilton at Syracuse; 8:00 p. m., Junior Whist Club meets at Theta Delta Chi.

Tuesday—8:00 p. m., Basket-ball game: Rochester vs. Hamilton at Rochester.

Wednesday—8:00 p. m., Senior Club at Alpha Delta Phi.

Thursday—7:00 p. m., Senior-Junior prayer meeting; 7:15 p. m., Mandolin practice; 8:00 p. m., Musical Club concert at Oneida.

Friday—7:00 p. m., Choir rehearsal; 7:30 Sophomore-Freshman prayer meeting; 8:00 p. m., Musical Club concert at Geneva.

Among the Colleges.

Cornell dropped 103 students at the mid-year examinations for failures in work; 26 from arts and sciences, 1 from medicine, 5 from law, 15 from civil engineering, 54 from Sibley College and 2 from architecture. Last year only 93 were dropped.

The annual contest of the New York State Oratorical Association will take place at the Alumni Gymnasium of the University of Rochester on March 10. Syracuse University, Union University and Rochester will compete. Plans are under way for the enlargement of the association. Colgate will be invited to enter.

The two prizes in English given by the class of 1883, Princeton University, are offered for the first time this year. The first, which is the yearly interest on \$1,000, is given to the member of the

Junior class who shall pass the best examination in English philosophy and submit the best essay, the topic of which shall be chosen by the English department. The second, of the same value, is given to the candidate for the degree of C. E., in the Freshman class, under conditions somewhat similar.

The New Jersey State Assembly has before it a bill appropriating \$130,000 to

aid in the erection of the Princeton battle monument. This bill has already passed the Senate. The Princeton Battle Monument Association has been at work for eighteen years, the leader of the movement being Prof. Henry Clay Cameron. The total cost of the monument will be \$160,000. The state has already appropriated \$15,000, and the association will subscribe the same amount.

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